



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

**Joint Meeting of APIRG Sub-Groups:
Aerodrome Operations Planning (AOP); and,
Air Traffic Management/Aeronautical Information Management/Search and Rescue
(ATM/AIM/SAR)
(Nairobi, Kenya, 5 – 8 July 2016)**

Agenda Item 2: Outcome of the APIRG/EO and APIRG/20 Meetings

REVIEW OF APIRG/20 CONCLUSIONS/DECISIONS (Presented by Secretariat)

| SUMMARY |
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| <p>This working paper recalls outcome of the APIRG/20 meeting (Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire, 30 November - 2 December 2015) and presents conclusions and Decisions therefrom which are pertinent for the Joint Meeting of the AOP/SG and ATM/AIM/SAR SG for consideration and giving by the Meeting.</p> <p>Action by the Meeting is in paragraph 3.</p> |
| <p>REFERENCE(S):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- APIRG/EO Report- APIRG/20 Report |
| <p>Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): A and B</p> |

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Extraordinary Meeting of APIRG (APIRG/EO) Lusaka, Zambia, 10-11 July 2014 agreed on Decision EO/01: *Reorganization of APIRG*. Key developments in the changes include the following:

- a) Significant reduction of subsidiary bodies
- b) Establishment of project approach to implementation which features
 - a. Projects
 - b. Project Teams
- c) Revision in the procedures (APIRG Handbook) for participation in the activities of the Group, with increased focus on improved utilization of existing expertise.

1.2 In order to facilitate continuity and operationalization of the new structure and working methodology the APIRG/EO meeting also agreed on the following Decision.

DECISION EO/03: TRANSITION TO NEW APIRG ORGANIZATION That the Secretariat and APIRG contributory bodies

- a) *continue to implement the work programmes as previously endorsed by the Group; and*
- b) *carry out necessary action to facilitate the operationalization of the new organizational structure and working methods of the APIRG, including reformulation of existing activities that continue to have relevance, into the projects management formats, to be presented for endorsement by the next meeting of the Group*

1.3 At its 20th Meeting, in Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire from 30 November to 2 December 2015, the APIRG/20 Meeting adopted 49 Conclusions and Decisions, 24 of which are applicable to the AAO/SG.

1.4 In the new organizational structure of APIRG, the *APIRG Projects Coordination Committee (APCC)* is established, inter alia, to reduce the volume of material for consideration by APIRG meetings to manageable levels, and carrying out certain tasks in between the APIRG meetings in order to facilitate continuity and efficiency in implementation. The APCC is composed of elected Chairperson and Vice-chairpersons, the Secretary of APIRG, elected Officials from Sub-Groups and Secretaries of the Sub-Groups.

1.5 In order to operationalize the Sub-Groups in the new structure, during the APIRG/20 Meeting, States and concerned organizations were invited to nominate officials in accordance with the APIRG Procedural Handbook. Although some officials expressed interest to the Secretariat, to serve in the Sub-Groups, formal nominations by their Administrations, have not been made in accordance with the APIRG Handbook. The lack of nominated members for the new SGs implied a challenge to convene the SGs and consequently the inability for appointment of officials who would be members of the APCC. As such, the APCC is yet to convene.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The List of APIRG/20 Conclusions and Decision applicable to the AAO/SG is provided **Appendix A** to this working paper. The meeting may wish to note the Conclusions and Decisions, and take necessary action concerning those which are applicable to the *Joint Meeting of the AOP/SG and ATM/AIM/SAR SG*, during deliberations under various agenda items.

2.2 In order to operationalize the Sub-Groups in the new structure, during the APIRG/20 Meeting, States and concerned organizations were invited to nominate officials in accordance with the APIRG Procedural Handbook. Although some officials expressed interest to the Secretariat, to serve in the Sub-Groups, formal nominations by their Administrations have not been made in accordance with the APIRG Handbook. The lack of nominated members for the new SGs implied a challenge to convene the SGs and consequently the inability for appointment of officials who would be members of the APCC. As such, the APCC is yet to convene.

2.3 Under the circumstances, in order to facilitate progress in the institutional and functional work of APIRG, a "*Bureau*" of elected APIRG Officials, Secretary of APIRG and Secretaries of the APIRG Sub-Groups met in Nairobi 2-3 June 2016. Guidance emanating from that meeting includes the following:

- a) The Joint Meetings of Sub-Groups of APIRG in the "old structure" should facilitate identification of members of new Structure Sub-Groups and Project Teams.
- b) APIRG Projects adopted by APIRG/20 meeting should be prioritized to facilitate allocation of resources including time to those of high priority.

2.4 In order to facilitate the institutional change terminating function of the "old" APIRG structure, the Joint Meeting of the AOP/SG and ATM/AIM/SAR SG may wish to formulate the following Draft Decisions for formal consideration and adoption by APIRG:

Draft Decision 01/01: Dissolution of the Aerodrome Operations Planning Sub-Group (AOP/SG)

That, the APIRG AOP/SG is dissolved as of 8 July 2016

Draft Decision 01/02: Dissolution of the Air Traffic Management/Aeronautical Information Services/Search and Rescue Sub-Group (ATM/AIM/SAR SG)

That, the APIRG ATM/AIM/SAR SG is dissolved as of 8 July 2016

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
- a) note the information provided in this working paper; and
 - b) take necessary action concerning Conclusions/Decision in Appendix A to this working paper which are applicable to this Joint Meeting of the AOP/SG and ATM/AIM/SAR SG, when considering various agenda items.

APPENDIX (A)

New Structure of the APIRG and its Contributory Bodies

